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In re patent application of

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For PRIVACY AND SECURITY METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A
WORLD-WIDE-WEB SITE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 12, 2004, the undersigned notes that the restriction requirement fails to consider claims 80 and 81 filed preliminary amendment February 4, 2002. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the date stamped receipt and preliminary amendment are attached hereto.

The applicant wishes to elect claims 80 and 81 and the undersigned believes that they are most appropriately grouped with Group 3 (which includes claims 33-40 and 71-79). As such, the undersigned elects Group 3 including claims 80 and 81, without traverse. Alternatively, if the Examiner is of the position that claims 80 and 81 belong in a different group, the Examiner is requested to issue a new restriction requirement which correctly identifies all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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